

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-6 and 10-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8 and 9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4-6 and 10-12 are allowed.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 2, 4-6 and 10-12.

The Office Action objects to the drawings and rejects claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because of written description. By this Amendment, claims 8 and 9 are canceled. Accordingly, the objection and rejection are moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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